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## TWO THOUSAND MEN MARCH IN SILENT PARADE.

### Negro Manhood In Silent Protest Here Wednesday

**Gov. Tom C. Rye Interviewed--Three Notable Colored Speakers Ask For Justice--A Man's Chance Is All Wanted.**

#### METHODISTS HOLD THREE MEETINGS

**A. M. E. AND ZION METHODISTS AT LOUISVILLE--C. M. E.'S ALSO HOLD SESSION--NASHVILLE LOSES GENERAL CONFERENCE.**

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 16.—One of the most important meetings ever held in Louisville, will close here tomorrow, and great good for the whole race has been accomplished. It was the meeting of the federated Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion, and the Colored Methodist Episcopal churches in the Chestnut Street C. M. E. Church. This is the third meeting looking forward to the unification of the three branches of Methodism among the colored people in America. The Bishops are first getting together. The ministers and laymen will be called together. It has already been declared that before this time another year the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South will have agreed to unite, the only question involved now is the Negro contingent. "Will the Methodist Episcopal church eliminate the Negro in order to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church South?" is the question asked by many people all over the country, and all will wait and see.

The tri-councils were opened with Bishop G. W. Clinton, presiding, and the opening sermon was preached by Bishop L. H. Holsley, of the A. M. E. Church. Bishops John Hurst, L. W. Kyles, N. C. Leavess, were elected secretaries, and Charles Stewart, official reporter.

After Holy Communion and the introduction of the general officers and representatives of the three churches a recess was had. In the afternoon, there was a lively business session, and addresses were delivered by representatives of the M. E. church south, and the Methodist Episcopal church. This meeting was harmonious and full of enthusiasm.

The feature of the session Saturday was the report of a committee on address to the country, setting forth the position of the colored Bishops on the things which concern the nation today. This document was mainly, yet conservative.

Each of the councils held separate meetings during the week. The question of locating the next session of the A. M. E. General conference, 1920 claimed the attention of a commission appointed for that purpose. After a lively contest between Chicago, St. Louis and Nashville, Tenn. St. Louis was elected.

Bishop J. Albert Johnson, D. D., one of the most eloquent preachers in the country preached the opening sermon. Rev. J. R. Ransom, of Kansas, called attention to the treatment of the Negro in this country, and urged that the race look to the president of the Nation, who had more power today than any living man in the world, and with one stroke of his pen, could wipe out Jim Crowism, discrimination on the common carriers just as Abraham Lincoln wiped out slavery. "Today," said Dr. Ransom, "all he needs is to sign a law and the thing is done, it matters not what it is. We have given him all of this power."

Bishop C. S. Smith, of Detroit, Mich., delivered an address on "Democracy and Mobocracy." He was given an ovation.

Special attention was given to the educational mass meeting. Bishop W. D. Chappelle, presided, and addresses were delivered by Prof. A. S. Jackson, commissioner of education, Waco, Texas; Rev. R. R. Wright, Jr., editor of the Christian Recorder, Philadelphia, and A. J. Carey, D. D., of Chicago, Ill.

**BRANSFORD HIGH SCHOOL SOON TO HAVE SERVICE FLAG.**

Springfield, Tenn. Special to the Globe: Bransford School will soon have a Service Flag with seven or more stars. Quite a number of our boys have passed the physical examination and received their notices. It will be quite an honor to have so many boys from a small school like Bransford. Among the boys will be Dallas Sweeney, who is our best base ball pitcher and he will be a great loss to the team of 1918, if he goes before the season is out.

Eloquent, logical and patriotic were the presentations made to His Excellency, Governor Thomas C. Rye, in the legislative chamber at the State Capitol at twelve-thirty o'clock Wednesday by the committee of about two thousand of Nashville's most intelligent, law-abiding and industrious citizens. No greater demonstration has ever been made as far as can be traced from the records of the state by the Negroes of the Volunteer State. The committee met in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. Building at the corner of Cedar and Fourth avenue and heard the reports of the special committee that had been sent to Estill Springs to bring back the facts first-hand. While the names of the committee had not been divulged, they brought full reports of the acts that are said to have aggravated and led up to the killing of the two white men and the wounding of a third one by McIlhenn. After the reports had been read, three addresses and appeals were indorsed to be presented to the Governor of the State, calling upon and appealing to him to bring about a cessation of such outrages against the name of the fair state of Tennessee. A parade was formed of men four abreast and they took up the line of march to Capitol Hill, a distance of three blocks. When the front of the parade was going into the capitol gate, the men were still coming out of the Y. M. C. A. Building.

By special appointment the Governor and some of the state officials



**HON. THOS. C. RYE,** Governor of the State of Tennessee, his excellency, the Governor, who was appealed to by more than two thousand Negro citizens and voters on Wednesday at the Tennessee State Capitol.

were waiting and they immediately marched to the Legislative Hall. Upon their arrival, they completely filled the hall, room being made, however, for the Governor, who was soon ushered in and took his place before the speaker's stand. The delegation was made up of men representing every walk of life, the hod carrier who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow; the artisan from the various labor industries; the school teacher from the school room; the minister of the gospel from the pulpit; the physician from the bedside of the sick; the lawyer from the bank; every avocation pursued by the Negro of this city made up the parade that marched silently up Capitol Hill, into the presence of the Chief Executive of Tennessee.

When the Governor entered he was applauded, and after a few moments, Mr. J. C. Napier, ex-registrar of the United States Treasury, who is a native Tennessean and who has labored in the city of Nashville for more than fifty years, who has been identified with every branch of public service, having served some number of years ago as a member of the city council and who is known throughout the United States as an exponent of the rights and justices of the people, address His Excellency, the Governor, and said:

**DELIVERED BY HON. J. C. NAPIER ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS.** Gov. T. C. Rye, The Capitol, Nashville, Tenn.: The right of petition is guaranteed to all citizens of our country by the

constitution of the United States. The right of trial by an impartial jury of the State is vouchsafed to every defendant. Every person charged with a crime before he can be legally subjected to punishment for any infraction of law with which he may be charged. These provisions are the bulwark of our liberty. They are the ground upon which we base all our security of life, liberty and property; nor can he be deprived of these without due process of law. In the organic law of the land we are told that the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated.

We feel that these fundamental principles of the laws of our land, in letter and in spirit, have recently been grossly and flagrantly violated. We believe that there is a remedy for all these evils. Under this right of petition we have come to you, Governor Rye, to ask that you set in motion all the legal and judicial machinery of our State Government with a view of putting an end, for all time to come, to such inhuman, illegal and cruel practices as have been recently perpetrated upon men of our race in this State. Mob violence for the punishment of Negroes in this State, charged with crimes and misdemeanors of greater or smaller degree, has become of such frequent occurrence as to create alarm in the minds of all of us and to give the warning that no member of our race is safe when such charge, justly or unjustly, is lodged against him. We hope that there are laws already on our statute books to remedy these wrongs and we trust that men may be found who will bring them out from the dusty files that they may be put into execution and forever put an end to the work of mob which is constantly bringing dishonor and disgrace on our State and upon our Christian civilization. We come to you on a mission of peace and good will in an effort to save the innocent; but in no sense to protect or shield the guilty from that punishment meted out by the law, however severe it may be. We are law-abiding citizens and it is our desire to live or to die by its mandates. And what we ask for ourselves we expect to be visited upon others. The man or set of men who willfully and unlawfully take the life of a fellowman ought to be made to feel the strong arm of the law and to suffer whatever penalty the people and the law have prescribed for his or their offense.

The black man in this State is the most unprotected being that breathes the breath of life. The fish in the waters are protected; the birds of the air are shielded; your horse and your cow are cared for by statute and one dares mistreat or abuse them, lest the game laws, or the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or the humane commission will be after him. If either of these were purposely burned to death in a public place it would arouse such horror and indignation in the minds of the people as that the immediate punishment of the offender would be demanded and he would be forced to pay the penalty that the law prescribed. Yet public announcement may be made that a human being is to be burned; he is burned and no law can be found to punish the men who burn him.

And here the question arises: What are we to expect; to what destiny are we to look forward? How soon may the same fate overtake some of us who have lived peaceable, long and orderly lives in our communities. About two years ago it was in Fayette County, eight months ago in Shelby County, four months ago in Dyer County, a week ago in Franklin County. If this spirit is allowed to stalk abroad unmolested, who can tell how soon it may reach Davidson County? We are glad to see that all classes of our good people in this State are aroused to a sense of the enormity of the mob conditions that encompass us. We are grateful to the noble men, the kindly women, the courageous press of Tennessee, who have taken up this cause and are moulding a public sentiment that we trust will render a future repetition of these deplorable occurrences impossible.

Governor Rye, we do not expect any one to perform impossibilities, but we think we see in this crisis an opportunity for you to throw yourself in the breach and render the people of this State, and the cause of humanity a service that will forever endear you to them and in the years to come cause all their progeny to rise up and call your name and your memory blessed. The seriousness of the situation is sufficiently grave to set every law-abiding citizen to work in the

### ALABAMA SCHOOLS ADDRESSED

**BAPTISTS HAVE BIG DEMONSTRATION—FRONT LINE SUNDAY SCHOOLS DISCUSSED BY SECRETARY.**

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 19.—Not since the Sunday School Congress met in this city has so much enthusiasm in Sunday school work been witnessed as was shown here last Sunday and Monday when the Rev. Henry A. Boyd, the Secretary of the Sunday School Congress forces from Nashville, Tenn., took charge of Greater Birmingham, including Bessemer. Arrangements for his coming had been perfected by a committee consisting of Revs. T. J. James, D. D., of Bessemer, Ala.; J. H. Kelly, D. D., and T. J. Magwood,



**HON. J. C. NAPIER,** Ex-Registrar of the U. S. Treasury, who spoke representing the 2000 voters before Governor Rye.

D. D., of this city, who are strong Sunday School Congress workers. The Sunday School Congress secretary arrived Sunday morning at 9:30 at the Sunday school hour. He was greeted by a magnificent audience at the Bethlehem Baptist Church of which the Rev. M. Sears is the pastor and Mr. M. Prince is the Sunday school superintendent. The house was crowded with Sunday school children, who gave him a demonstration such as North Birmingham has not witnessed. Mr. George Dobbs and Miss Sadie Downing, two girls in their great desire to have the periodicals composing the association throw their strength and support to the government. The daily reports appearing in the Nashville daily papers show the actual work done at the various sessions. The Nashville Banner, an afternoon paper, and the Nashville Tennessean and American, a morning paper for Friday, Feb. 15th contained the following:

**NEGROES TO HAVE WAR CORRESPONDENT.**

**PUBLISHERS, IN CONVENTION, CONDEMN REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

"Representatives of one hundred and twenty-six Negro publications, forming the National Negro Press Association, opened its annual sessions in this city at 12 o'clock Thursday. Jos. L. Jones of Cincinnati, editor of the Federalist Monitor, called the Negro editors together in executive session. C. J. Perry, the president, and a veteran newspaper editor of thirty-five years' continuous service, presided at the regular session, while special addresses were delivered by W. E. King, for more than a quarter of a century editing one Negro newspaper in Texas; J. A. Hamlett, editor of one of the largest religious journals in the country, of Jackson, Tenn.; A. U. Craig of Washington, D. C. and others. The association will continue in session until Saturday.

Many important matters affecting Negro journals are up for consideration, and have been recommended by the executive committee. Among them will be the sending of a Negro war correspondent to the war zone to report first-hand information concerning the work of the Negro troops somewhere in France. The expense of this correspondent is to be provided by the Negro newspapers who will use their own code service in cabling messages to the United States, after which it will be retransmitted through the special reciprocal news service. The proposed monument for Negro soldiers and sailors under House bill 7914 was indorsed, and also the appointment of Emmett J. Scott by President Woodrow Wilson as special assistant to the War Department.

**TO SYNDICATE NEWS ON WORLD DEMOCRACY.**

The plans to syndicate news items on the world democracy, which include the Negro, were adopted. A resolution was also passed condemning the action of the Republican Executive Committee at St. Louis for its failure to seat Perry W. Howard as member of the National Republican Committee after the facts had been shown he was elected by a majority in his state. The editorial utterances of daily papers were warmly commended for the stand taken against lynching and lawlessness.

**REV. J. H. GRANT,** Pastor Payne Chapel A. M. E. Church, who spoke representing the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance.

### The National Negro Press Association Has Adjourned

**Annual Meeting Does Much Constructive Work --War Correspondent Elected--Officers Elected for Ensuing Year.**

Editors, publishers, managers and representatives making up an association of newspaper men who have been in session all the week here composing the National Negro Press Association, closed their session Saturday evening when they elected officers and members of the executive committee for the ensuing year. It was one of the best sessions in the history of the association, according to reports handed out. All the sessions were held in the administration building of the National Baptist Publishing Board, which place was tendered to the association by the Rev. Dr. Boyd, who is a member of the organization. The executive session on Thursday morning, over which Mr. Jos. L. Jones, of Cincinnati, Ohio, chairman of the executive committee, presided was the first real meeting of the knights of the quill for 1918.

Preliminary to the real work that was to come before them at this annual convention and forecasting what was to be done in the way of betterment of Negro journalism, was shown by the activity that characterized their proceedings. All day Thursday they labored on problems affecting the vital existence of the publications claiming membership. Special attention was shown what is sometimes termed as "The little weekly" by the recommendations presented through the executive committee for their support and encouragement. The association proper began its session Friday morning, when Mr. Chris J. Perry, the veteran editor of the Philadelphia Tribune, called the 1918 annual session together by asking the Rev. Dr. Elington, editorial secretary and a member of long standing of the association, to invoke the divine blessings. The report of the executive committee from the Chattanooga session and from the meeting the day previous, was presented and the items for consideration taken up.

Existing among the things that transpired was the patriotic spirit shown by the representatives of the Negroes in their great desire to have the periodicals composing the association throw their strength and support to the government. The daily reports appearing in the Nashville daily papers show the actual work done at the various sessions. The Nashville Banner, an afternoon paper, and the Nashville Tennessean and American, a morning paper for Friday, Feb. 15th contained the following:

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The permanent establishment of an advertising office for the association newspapers with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., was provided in the report of a special committee, made at the night session.

Ten thousand dollars was asked by the association to be immediately available in defraying the expenses of special war correspondents. In the afternoon the association participated in the service flag presentation at the Meharry Medical College. A permanent exhibit of bound volumes of all Negro newspapers belonging to the association is to be placed at the corresponding secretary's office in this city, to be sent to the various state fairs and exhibitions. Inspiring addresses were made to the newspaper men by J. C. Napier,

The plan of the Nashville Negroes co-operated in by the National Baptist Publishing Board to put a national Jubilee melody song book and Bible into the hands of the Negro soldiers was indorsed and a pledge of their support promised.

An invitation to participate in the presentation of the service flag at Meharry Medical College Friday evening was accepted, and W. E. King of Dallas Texas, appointed as special speaker to represent the press. A committee consisting of C. J. Perry of Philadelphia, H. A. Boyd of Nashville, W. E. King of Dallas, Texas, was appointed to place at the disposal of Mr. Hoover, the Food Administrator, the immense circulation of the membership in the press association, and to co-operate with the Government in educating their one million three hundred thousand weekly readers in food conservation.

Invitations were extended from Roger Williams University, Dr. A. M. Townsend, President, and A. and I. State Normal, W. J. Hale, president, to the Association to visit these institutions. An address is to be delivered by John H. Murphy of Baltimore, Md., who is seventy-eight years of age, and who has been an editor for forty years. W. W. Williams of Nashville, the editor of the local entertainment committee, while Dr. J. B. P. Johnson of the Union-Review, J. W. Whitfield, R. H. Boyd, C. V. Roman, A. N. Johnson, G. W. Allen, W. S. Ellington, J. A. Shap, Mrs. L. Landers, Dr. A. M. Townsend and others are co-operating as members on the local committee.

The papers of Saturday were equally as full, and gave the workings and doings of the organization for Friday's session as follows:

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### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AT "Y"

**CAPTAINS GETTING BUSY--ENTHUSIASTIC OVER OUTLOOK--URGENT LETTER SENT OUT BY LEADERS.**

The following is a letter sent out by the captains of the teams in the "Y" Membership Drive:

Mr. Young Man: Do we realize that \$75,000 in the form of a Y. M. C. A. building with the endorsement and backing of leading business and professional men, of both white and colored people, is for the first time, in the history of a southern city, placed at the disposal of Negro men and boys?

Do we realize further, that the men who have done most to make this condition possible now insist that it is up to us to prove the true status of our sense of appreciation? Do we not further realize, that many of the small, but most generous contributions, have been made by men whose home comforts are in no sense as satisfactory as those enjoyed by the fellows who live in the Association building?

Do we know still further, that these men, despite the stringent times which the awful war has brought upon us, are most profuse in their praise for the good account which their donations have been put to?

Fellows, what difference does it make whether we go to the training camp one week from now or one year from tomorrow? The paid in full Association membership ticket will serve us to good advantage both here and there. If we need Association privileges at home, we will need them more away from home—in the camps. If it serves our needs for 50 per cent less than cost at home, it will do as much away from home—in the camps or on the front—at 100 per cent less than cost to us.

Come across and join the "Y" before you go across and leave the "Y." At any rate, it is a national requirement that we "REDUCE EXPENDITURES TO A MINIMUM." Right now is the best time to begin.

Yours truly,  
Division 3--Wm. D. Avent, Leader; W. T. Hightower, Jr., H. Jordan, Edward H. T. Matthews, A. S. Stockard, Jr., W. M. Springer, W. D. Price, Theodore B. Garrett, Benj. H. Amatory.

Division 2--Wm. D. Avent, Leader; John P. Porter, Wm. McIntyre, Martin Holt, W. A. Darden, Wm. Smith, Robt. J. Sherrill, L. W. House, Leslie Howell.

The workers met Friday night and made reports which were in a measure gratifying. It is predicted that before Mar. 12, the 500 membership goal will be reached. The workers are manifesting a fine spirit. The response with which they are meeting is encouraging.

**A PRAKER.**

O, Lord, wilt thou please save us, From the hands of southern whites; Where the law allows them to lynch us. Their pleasures are taking our life.

I pray Thee, O blessed Redeemer, ors' hearts; Thou wilt touch Southern Governors And put a stop to inhuman treatment That oftentimes fails the Negro's lot.

Wilt thou, O Lord, hear my prayer, And grant to us what is due? One must reap whatever he sows, Your Word, and I know 'tis true.

Save us, O blessed Lamb of God. From the hands of a mighty fate; Put justice in reaching distance, Where all mankind may partake.

Yea, O Lord, and you alone, I shall put my trust in Thee; Look down on earth and bless us, From such fate, please set us free.

Now, please forgive white preachers, Who fail to condemn lynchers in their stands; As ministers of the gospel Give them power to fear no man. Perry H. Bonds.

Drs. J. A. McMillan, J. T. Phillips, Me. T. Williams, C. V. Roman, W. W. Williams, J. W. Whitfield and Geo. W. Henderson. A demonstration of using mats in making stereotypes was made by R. H. Boyd. The election of officers, with an executive committee for the year is to take place today.